

In the Claims

Please replace Claim 1 with the following rewritten claim:

1. A disposable absorbent article having a chassis formed of two portions, a first portion and a second portion which together define a generally T-shaped configuration when said chassis is viewed in stretched position; said first portion having opposed lateral segments adapted to be wrapped around the waist of a wearer of said article and overlap each other, a second portion having a distal end and a proximal end disposed generally vertically relative to said first portion and adapted to be passed under the crotch of the wearer and folded upwardly and over said overlapped portions;

one male fastening means on one of said lateral segments, and one female fastening means on said other lateral segment, such that when said lateral segments overlap each other said male fastening means engages said female fastening means;

a pair of opposed spaced apart male fastening means at the distal end of said second portion, and a pair of spaced apart opposed female fastening means at said first portion such that when said lateral segments are wrapped around the waist of a wearer and said second portion is folded over said segments, each one of said pair of male fastening means engages a correspondingly aligned one of said pair of female fastening means, and

wherein said absorbent article has a relaxed width (B) between about 20 to about 100 percent of the width of said absorbent article when fully stretched.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

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Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A disposable absorbent article having a chassis [comprising] formed of two portions, a first portion and a second portion which together define a generally T-shaped configuration when said chassis is viewed in stretched position; [a] said first portion having opposed lateral segments adapted to be wrapped around the waist of a wearer of said article and overlap each other, a second portion having a distal end and a proximal end disposed generally vertically relative to said first portion and adapted to be passed under the crotch of the wearer and folded upwardly and over said overlapped portions;

2. one male fastening means on one of said lateral segments, and [at least] one female fastening means on said other lateral segment, such that when said lateral segments overlap each other said male fastening means engages said female fastening means;

a pair of opposed spaced apart male fastening means at the distal end of said second portion, and a pair of spaced apart opposed female fastening means at said first portion such that when said lateral segments are wrapped around the waist of a wearer and said second portion is folded over said segments, each one of said pair of male fastening means engages a correspondingly aligned one of said pair of female fastening means, and

wherein said absorbent article has a relaxed width (B) between about 20 to about 100 percent of the width of said absorbent article when fully stretched.